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1. TREATY/LEGAL DIVISION OF SOVIET MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE ADVISES THAT THERE IS NO OVERALL SOVIET REGULATION ESTABLISHING LABELING REQUIREMENTS FOR IMPORTED CONSUMER GOODS. RESPONSIBILITY FOR ESTABLISHING LABELING REQUIREMENTS, ACCORDING TO MFT OFFICIAL, RESTS WITH FOREIGN TRADE ORGANIZAIION INVOLVED. MFT OFFICIAL DID OBSERVE, HOWEVER, THAT INCLUSION OF INFORMATION AS TO COUNTRY OF ORIGIN WOULD APPEAR LOGICAL.

2. FOR MOST TYPES OF MANUFACTURED CONSUMER GOODS, APPROPRIATE SOVIET FTO IS RAZNOEXPORT. HOWEVER, BEFORE CONTACTING RAZNOEXPORT TO DETERMINE LABELING REQUIREMENTS
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COULD SUPPLY INFORMATION AS TO SPECIFIC TYPES OF CONSUMER ITEMS WHICH IT WISHES SELL TO USSR.

3. ON BASIS PERSONAL OBSERVATIONS OF COMMERCIAL OFFICERS, IMPORTED CONSUMER GOODS SOLD IN SOVIET STORES ALWAYS CARRY INFORMATION AS TO PRODUCING FIRM AND COUNTRY OF ORIGIN.
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